



## Merriwa Education Support Centre

### Dear Parents & Families

Welcome back for Term Two. We hope you have enjoyed your break and managed to spend some quality time with your family. We look forward to another busy and productive term.

### New Playgrounds

We are pleased to announce that we will have access to two new play spaces this term. Some final adjustments are being made to the junior playground equipment which we hope will be ready for use very soon. The kids are so excited and eagerly anticipate the day the temporary safety fence comes down. Another play space is being installed in the Kindy and PrePrimary area.

The play spaces have some exciting elements to suit children with different abilities and interests. It will be wonderful to see happy, smiling faces enjoying the outside activities.

### Anzac Assembly

Thank you to all the families that attended the Anzac Assembly last term. It was wonderful to commemorate one of the most significant events in our national calendar together.

### P&C News

The P&C ladies have organised a Mothers day stall, at the school next week. Please see information on page 3 of this newsletter.

Have you applied for your **WA student assistant payment??**  
See page 4 for details.

Kind regards

Karen Macri, Principal

Breakfast Club  
everyday day  
from 8am in  
the undercover  
area

Mother's Day  
Stall  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
May

Assembly  
9<sup>th</sup> May  
Room 12

Community  
Cafe  
16<sup>th</sup> May  
9am - 10am

Year 6 Fundraiser  
Cake Stall  
12<sup>th</sup> June

WA Students  
Assistance  
Closes Friday  
4<sup>th</sup> July

**Our Website**  
[merriwaesc.wa.edu.au](http://merriwaesc.wa.edu.au)



# Easter hunt and family picnic



## Community Cafe



Natalie from Carers WA came to our recent Community Cafe to share the amazing services they provide for people in the community who are caring for children/siblings/parents with a disability/illness. We were so amazed by the support they give to so many families. We are looking forward to our next community cafe with "Helping Minds" sharing about Raising Resilient Children on Friday 16th May 9-10am.

Samantha Crouch, Chaplain



# COMMUNITY NEWS



Receive up to \$500 from ANZ for education costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Apply here 

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saverplus.org.au  
1300 610 355

Terms and conditions apply.

TERM TWO  
**COMMUNITY CAFE**  
Family Support for our Community

SESSION PRESENTED BY  
**HELPING MINDS**  
RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN WORKSHOP

**16TH MAY**  
9-10AM  
MESC KINDY - RM 33

An opportunity for parers/carers to meet other families and connect over Tea and Coffee.

RSVP: [gillian.gore@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:gillian.gore@education.wa.edu.au)  
or phone MESC office: 08 6206 2330



MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOLS P&C

*Mother's Day*  
STALL

Tuesday 6th May

As well as:  
Wednesday 7th May  
For kindy and kids who forgot money on Tuesday

Gifts ranging from \$3-\$10



Merriwa Primary schools P&C

Democracy

Sausage



3rd May 8am

Eftpos available

# WA Student Assistance Payment

You can now claim the second round of the payment for eligible students. All claims must be received by Friday 4 July 2025.

## WA Student Assistance Payment

The WA Student Assistance Payment helps parents and carers with the cost-of-living pressures associated with sending their children to school.

The second round of the payment is now open, with claim submissions available through the ServiceWA app.

All Western Australian school students in Kindergarten to Year 12, with a valid WA student number (WASN), are eligible for this cost-of-living payment.

You can claim \$250 for each secondary student and \$150 for students attending primary school or Kindergarten.

To claim the payments, parents and carers are encouraged to set up a ServiceWA account. More information is available at [wa.gov.au/servicewaapp](https://wa.gov.au/servicewaapp)

**All claims must be received by Friday 4 July 2025.**

## Eligibility

Eligible students must be enrolled in Kindergarten to Year 12 at a Western Australian public school, non-government school or registered for home education, and have a valid WASN.

### How to claim:

Submit your claim through ServiceWA.

For support and general information about ServiceWA, including assistance to download the app and set up MyID, visit [wa.gov.au/servicewaapp](https://wa.gov.au/servicewaapp)

Alternatively, you can call the ServiceWA App Support Team 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 13 33 WA (13 33 92) or email [support@digital.wa.gov.au](mailto:support@digital.wa.gov.au)

## What you need

1. The WA student number (WASN) for each student. This 8-digit number is sometimes called a SCSA or student number. This number can be found on school reports, including previous NAPLAN results. It may also be on a school issued secondary student's SmartRider.
2. The name at time of enrolment, date of birth, school name, and year level of each student you are claiming for.
3. The bank account details where the payment will be deposited.

Check all claim information carefully before submitting. Once submitted, claims cannot be altered and will be declined if incorrect information is provided. If a claim is declined a new claim will need to be submitted.